

**REMARKS**

Prior to the present amendments, by virtue of the previously filed Preliminary Amendment (copy enclosed), claims 1-13 and 15 were pending.

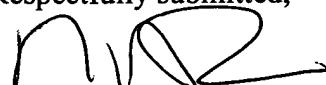
Claims 20-26 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of those claims. For instance, support for the new claims appears e.g. at pages 34-35 of the application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action. In particular, significant time and expense will be saved if the two Groups identified in the Office Action are examined together at this time.

To provide a complete response, Applicants elect Group I, which includes claims 1-7, as that Group is defined in the Office Action.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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